(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of their sale process;

(c) whether their persepective plans for future expansion of the ports have been reviewed and details of the procedure adopted to indentify the specific plots of land considered surplus; and

(d) the details of the revised policy guidelines issued, including the formula adopted for evaluation of land and other assets, if any, appurtenant thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The development and expansion of ports and port dependent activities in the areas and utilization of port land is a continuous process and is linked with the development in future. The plans for future expansion of ports are reviewed from time to time.

(d) The policy guidelines were last revised in July, 2001 in regard to transfer of leases, waiver of Minimum Guarantee Throughput, Flexibility in land use etc.

Reservation for destitute children in educational institutions

557. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to make any special provision including reservation of seats in educational institutions for destitute or orphaned children who have been brought up by voluntary organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Government has formulated a programme for universal elementary education titled "Sarva Shiksha Abhihyan" (SSA). The SSA programme, to be implemented by the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, is an attempt of the Government to provide an opportunity

to all children to improve their capabilities through provision of community owned quality education. The Sarva Shisksha Abhiyan will provide useful and relevant elementary education for all children in the 6 to 14 years age groups by 2010. Other objective of this programme is to bridge social, regional and gender gaps, with the active participation of the community in the management of schools. The aim of the Abhiyan is to have all children in school by 2003, that all children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007 and that all chilren complete eight years of elementary schooling by 2010. Since the Abhiyan aims to cover all children including the destitute or orphaned children, the need for reservation of seats for them in the educational institutions does not arise.

Residential schools in Andhra Pradesh for SC girls

558. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether residential schools have been started in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Scheme of Special Education Development Programme for Scheduled Caste girls belonging to the low literacy level in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status thereof and the number of SC girls benefited during the last four years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inclusion of various Castes in OBC list in Himachal Pradesh

†559. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from various castes organisations in Himachal Pradesh wherein they have made requests for inclusion of their castes in list of Other Backward Classes;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.